

FINANCE, OIL, GAS AND PRODUCE

Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 12.—The local market displayed a far greater amount of activity than it has known for some time, the aggregate number of shares exceeding far above the 10,000 mark.

The leader in this market was Columbia Gas and Electric, which showed a consistent tendency to advance from the moment the opening bell sounded. More than 25 per cent. of the total trades were represented by sales of this issue. Incidentally it also rose to a new high record in the quotations at 23 1/2 and closed strong at 23 1/2. Other oil and gas issues were also fairly strong, but Manufacturers Light and Heat lost another half point from its gain of last week.

Sales.	High.	Low.
12 A W G pf	103 1/2	103 1/2
425 A W G M	61 1/2	61 1/2
1485 Col G & E	23 1/2	23 1/2
140 Fireproof	7 1/2	7 1/2
10 Fireproof pf	16 1/2	16 1/2
125 H-W Refrac	102 1/2	102 1/2
560 Ind. Brewing	4	4
775 La Belle Iron	59	57 1/2
350 Mfrs L & H	58 1/2	58 1/2
110 Ohio Fuel Oil	15	14 1/2
25 Ohio Fuel Sup.	46 1/2	46
60 Pbg Brewing	5 1/2	5 1/2
20 Pbg Brewing pf	22 1/2	22 1/2
120 Pbg Oil and Gas	8	8
170 Pure Oil	20 1/2	20
2,000 Ross M & M	15	15
240 U S Gas	37	36 1/2
120 U S Steel	104 1/2	103 1/2
150 West Airbr	150 1/2	149 1/2
245 West Elec	62	61 1/2
20,673		
Bonds		
\$1,000 Col G & E 5s	85 1/2	85 1/2

*New high record.

New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—In further disregard of conditions which ordinarily make for speculative restraint, such as the poor crop outlook, another large contraction in local bank reserves and the spread of labor troubles, the week in the stock market opened with a continuation of bullish activity which resulted in numerous substantial gains and a few new high records.

Baltimore

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET.

Bid.	Asked.
Con G E L & P com 100	112
Fidelity & Deposit, 50	131
Fidelity Trust, 100	300
Merch & Mech Nat Bk	28 1/2
Mon Val Trac com	75
Mon Val Trac pref	62
Un Ry and El Co 50	27 1/2
Fairmont, Cl's Bg	100 1/2
Baltimore Tube	127 1/2
Baltimore Tube pf	128 1/2
Cosden com	16 1/2
Cosden Gas com	12 1/2
Cosden Gas pref	13
Con Coal Ref 50	9 1/2
Elkhorn Coal com	15
Elkhorn Carps 6s	97 1/2
Davidson Chem	37
Saulpa Ref com	9
Wayland Oil	4 1/2

Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.	Open.	Close.
Wheat		
December	1.53 1/2	1.54 1/2
May	1.54	1.55 1/2
Corn		
December73 1/2	.72 1/2
May76 1/2	.76
Oats		
December48 1/2	.48 1/2
May51 1/2	.51

Oil and Gas.

In the West Virginia fields, on Porters Fork, in Duval district, Lincoln county, the big Creek Development company has completed its No. 13 well on the W. C. Kingery farm and has a 10-barrel per day pumper in the Berea sand. In Green district, Wetzel county seven miles west of Pine Grove in old territory, the Silver Hill Oil com-

pany has completed its initial test well in the L. Snodgrass farm through the Gordon sand and it is dry. In Burning Springs district, Wirt county, the Walnut Creek Oil company has completed its No. 21 well on the Harry G. Sayers farm through the Keener sand and it is a dry hole. In Elk district, Kanawha county, the South Penn Oil company has completed its test well on the R. J. Morris farm and has a 10-barrel per day pumper in the Weir sand.

In the new Milton district, Doddridge county, the South Penn Oil company has completed its initial test well on the L. M. Dennison farm and has a gasser in the Gordon sand. On Micae run, in Battelle district, Monongalia county, the Hope Natural Gas company has completed its well on the R. T. Robertson farm and has a fair gasser. On the waters of Devil Hole, in Grant district, Ritchie county, the C. L. Brown Oil company has completed its No. 10 well on the Rutherford Brothers company tract through the Keener sand and has a 5-barrel per day pumper.

BUILDS MAUSOLEUM AND PICKS CASKET



MRS. JANE E. COULEY

Mrs. Couley, former wife of Harry Couley, president of the Pittsburgh Steamship company, is having a \$35,000 mausoleum built in a Cleveland cemetery and has chosen a bronze casket which will hold her body. She is in good health.

year 1897, or the last year the Democrats were in power. A study of this table will tell its own story. Time will not permit me to take up separately the items of comparison.

I want, however, to answer Mr. Cornwell, when he condemns the present assessment law, by saying this: If we had not changed the assessment laws and increased the value of lots of the property four and five times, it would have been impossible to run the state government on a 35 cent state levy, as it was in 1897, but it would have been necessary to increase the state levy \$1.50, on the \$100.00 valuation. And that is not all: The small property owners would have suffered most, because the men Mr. Cornwell speaks of whose property had been raised five and ten times under the new law, would have continued to escape under the old law, while those least able to pay would have the big load to carry, as they did before the new assessments laws were passed. Instead of having a 14 cent levy for state and state school purposes, as we had last year, it would have required at least \$1.50 levy for state purposes. Yet in the face of these facts, which can not be denied, Mr. Cornwell says that all those who have voted for these laws will feel like organizing a vigilance committee to go to Charleston and hang those who have so grossly deceived them.

I am willing for the people to judge who it is that is trying to deceive. Disbursements for the Fiscal Year

Ending June 30, 1916.	
Salary of state officers	\$ 25,450.00
Salary, mileage and contingent expenses of judges	111,624.53
Salary clerk, governor's office	6,828.88
Salary clerk, auditor's office	24,155.39
Expense insurance department	4,470.19
Salary clerk, treasurer's office	5,500.00
Salary clerk and Asst. Atty. Atty. General's office	12,970.39
Salary clerk, secretary of state's office	12,677.50
Salary clerk, supreme court	16,381.96
Commissioner of agriculture	32,912.80
Janitor and labor fund, capitol	18,820.00
Contingent expenses elective offices	32,455.62
Capitol building and grounds and board of control building	17,500.00
Governor's mansion	3,827.17
State library	8,095.13
Total	\$337,669.56

You will observe that out of the \$3,113,077.63 spent by the state during the fiscal year 1916, only \$337,669.56 of the amount was spent for the salaries of state officers, clerical and professional assistants, salaries and mileage of all the judges in the state, salaries of supreme court judges, and clerks, janitor and labor fund of the capitol building, including repairs and upkeep of the grounds.

Look at the record and see what became more of the money spent last year:

West Virginia University \$	310,040.41
West Virginia Experiment Station	20,527.20
Normal schools, branches, preparatory schools, colored school and institutes, and deaf and blind school	663,971.59
King's Daughters and city hospitals	13,430.88
State hospitals, industrial schools and children's homes	745,464.80
State board of control	40,434.15
State board of regents	7,263.45
State support of lunatics in jail	1,277.00
State criminal charges	73,177.04
State department of mines	49,098.76
State bureau of labor	18,806.28
State board of health	24,271.81
Total	\$1,964,763.44

These figures tell a complete story within themselves. They show that the state of West Virginia, and we are proud of the fact, has adopted a liberal policy in caring for the wards of the state who are confined in numerous hospitals. They show in clear and concise form what the state expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, for the education of her youth, for maintenance of her wards, for the protection of those engaged in mining, for better health conditions and for the prosecution and support of those who have violated the laws of society.

Now, after spending \$337,669.56 for salaries of officers and clerical expenses of state government, and \$1,964,763.44 for our educational, penal and charitable institutions, there is a balance of \$10,945.63 to make up the total disbursements. For what purpose did the state spend this?

Militia and law and order	\$ 83,770.17
Printing, binding and stationery	71,263.17
Legislature	933.24
Geological survey	37,273.50
Public service commission and compensation commissioner	22,177.43
Tax commissioner	63,368.99
Commissioner of banking	14,552.90
Parson attorney	4,606.05
Department of archives and history	19,482.11
State road bureau	11,107.60
State board of optometry	238.80
Game and fish warden	19,869.53
Commissioners of pharmacy	1,700.21
Panama Pacific Expo., Rumseyan society, insurance on public buildings, Virginia debt and other special appropriations	42,294.23
Miscellaneous	3,584.53
Transfer to general school fund	414,422.63
Total	\$810,845.63

Now, my friends, you can see from these figures that we spent, during the last fiscal year, more than one-half of the entire amount for the support of our great schools of learning, our hospitals for the insane, our miners' hospitals and the protection of our miners, the school for the deaf and blind, the industrial school for girls, the industrial school for boys, a big tuberculosis sanitarium, and for the support of industrial schools for the colored youth of the state, as well as many other institutions of similar class. Will any Democrat say we are wasting the people's money when we expended these institutions under the watchful care of the Board of Control? If such there be, let him stand up.

It would be well right here to see how much the average man pays toward supporting the state government,

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costing the last fiscal year \$3,113,077.63.

The first two items in the table of the state's receipts tell the tale. The fourteen cent state levy which was applied last year on the \$100 valuation of all the real estate and personal property in the state raised \$1,533,358.05. Please notice that we paid back to the people through the general school fund \$414,422.63, which would leave \$1,168,935.42 raised by direct state tax for the support of the state government, which would be equivalent to about an eleven cent levy. How much did you pay then of the \$3,113,077.63 cost of state government last year?

If your property was assessed at \$1,000, your share would be \$1.10; if assessed at \$2,000, your share would be \$2.20; if assessed at \$3,000, your share would be \$3.30; if at \$4,000, your share would be \$4.40; if at \$5,000 your share would be \$5.50, or eleven cents on the \$100 valuation for whatever property you had.

Who would object to paying that much in order to make possible the great work the state is doing? Why, the amount the average man pays for the support of the state government

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SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF BRIDGE LETTING
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the Acts of the Legislature of West Virginia Second Extraordinary Session, 1915, that the County Court of Marion county, West Virginia, will, on Wednesday the 20th day of September, 1916, at 11 o'clock a. m. of that day, at the Court House of said county, in the city of Fairmont, receive sealed bids and proposals for the furnishing of the material and labor and the construction and erection of concrete bridges across the Paw Paw Creek at or near Gray's Flats, Prickett's Creek at or near Baker's residence, Mill Fall Run at or near Monongah, Ice's Run at or near the residence of Thomas N. Lake and Parker's Run at or near Riverside, in said Marion County, and will, then and there, or as soon as convenient thereafter, let and award to the lowest and responsible bidder a contract for said bridges.

Information of name will be furnished by Frank J. Wilfong, County Road Engineer, Fairmont, West Virginia, and a copy of the plans and specifications may be examined in his office at the Court House of said county.

The County Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and only bids will be received upon plans and specifications on file in the undersigned's office.

Dated this 28th day of August, 1916.

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County Road Engineer of Marion County.

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mont, W. Va. 9-9-3t No. 1409

WANTED—Hall maid at the Dormitory. Good wages. Apply Miss Chappell, between 4 and 6 p. m. at the Dormitory. Leave telephone calls at the Normal school. 9-8-tf No. 1404

WANTED—Girls to work at Fairmont Stogie Co. Girls who have worked in tobacco preferred. Permanent work, good wages. Apply Fairmont Stogie Co., 112 Merchant St., Fairmont. 9-7-tf No. 1401

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WANTED—Dining room girl at once. Apply Cooks Hospital. 9-9-4t. No. 1411

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AUDITOR DARST SHOWS WHAT THE PEOPLE'S MONEY BUYS FOR THEM IN THE WAY OF EFFICIENT SERVICE

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1916.	1915.	1914.
State tax, 14c levy	\$1,146,507.80	\$492,969.69
State tax, public service corporation, 14c levy	436,550.25	53,958.08
State tax, special redemption	13,291.63	
License tax (sheriff)	184,070.99	238,124.86
Fees, auditor's office	54,615.95	
Fees, secretary of state's office	16,259.53	
Fees, examination of banks	12,320.00	
Fees Public Service Commission	44.75	
Fees commissioner of pharmacy	638.00	
Tax on itinerant physicians	60.00	
Automobile licenses	162,820.52	
Chauffeurs' licenses	805.00	
Interest on deposits, one-half	17,163.45	13,916.06
License tax on charters	827,455.72	105,409.10
Marriage licenses	12,856.00	
Penitentiary	100,000.00	
Sale of books	4,230.00	1,114.85
Statutory attorney fees	20,414.84	
Special excise taxes	234,918.08	
Tax on seal	2,881.00	392.00
Tax on insurance	175,420.41	23,320.90
Tax on collateral inheritances	156,443.16	1,813.23
W. Va. Ind. School for Boys—Inmates	15,738.37	
Sale of Fairmont school property	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	1,536.12	
Total	\$3,589,040.94	\$944,860.45

You will notice that the state levy of 14 cents on the \$100 valuation raised \$1,146,507.80, and that in 1897 a state levy of 25 cents only raised \$492,969.69.

You will also notice that these same levies, applied to public service corporation properties, produced for the year 1916, \$436,550.25, while in 1897, the last year under Democratic management, produced only \$53,958.08.

I will agree with Mr. Cornwell that some of the property owned by individuals and corporations has been increased in value in some cases four or five times. The fact is that a great many of the best properties in the state, such as timber land, coal land, and many of the big manufacturing plants, were not paying anything near their proportionate share of the taxes and under the new tax laws they were increased. And it was right, just, fair and equitable that they should be. Yet Mr. Cornwell points out this fact, and would have the people believe a great injustice had been done them because they no longer could evade paying their fair share. Notice, please, that this 14c levy, applied to the public service corporations last year, under Republican business methods, produced \$436,550.25. In those good old days that Mr. Cornwell wants to go back to, with a 25 cent levy, the state received only \$53,958.08 in taxes from the public service corporations.

Mr. Cornwell says that some of the property was assessed fifteen times as much as it was under Democratic management. What property was this? I will answer that it was the public service corporations; they were not paying anything near their fair share. They were increased about nine times, and I find these corporations ready and willing to pay their fair share; they have been doing it without complaint or expense to the state. With Mr. Cornwell continue to say to the people that they have been injured by this increase in the valuation of the property of the public service corporations, when those increases simply put them on the same level with the owner of a small farm or home?

Does Mr. Cornwell mean, when he says some of your property has been assessed fifteen times as much as it was under the good old Democratic way, that if you will elect him as governor he will see that this great wrong is righted? Then he will have the present tax laws repealed and go back

to the "good old Democratic days" when many of those individuals and corporations did not pay anything like their fair share of the taxes, and when the smaller property owners not only paid their part, but also paid a part of the taxes of those whom Mr. Cornwell says "have been increased many times."

Here is where the money went under Republican management and under Democratic management:

1916.	1897.
Salary of state officers	\$ 25,450.00
Salary, mileage and contingent expenses of judges	111,624.53
Salary clerk, governor's office	6,828.88
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